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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

Do such prominent men as William J. Mayo, George W. Crile, A. J. Ochsner, J. H. Carstens,

**DO MEN  
THINK?**

E. Fletcher Ingalls and others who contributed articles to the January number of the *American Journal of Surgery*, give the slightest thought to what they are doing by so contributing? It would seem to be impossible that men of that character, men who have worked as hard as a number of these gentlemen have worked for the upbuilding of the American Medical Association can really understand what it means when they give their support to a publication that represents the very extreme of "published-for-profit" medical (?) journalism. The advertising pages of the publication in question are full of the very worst fake and fraudulent nostrum advertisements that ever were. And yet men of distinction in the medical world will help that nefarious business along by contributing articles to such a sheet! The *Journal A. M. A.*, in December last, called attention to the nostrums advertised in the publication under discussion and deplored the fact that reputable men would contribute articles to such a publication or subscribe to it. And that is the gist of the whole matter. These frauds have been exposed by the Council on Pharmacy and Chemistry; they have been a danger and an injury to the medical profession of this country for years, because the truth about them was not before known; and yet men who support and believe in the Council on Pharmacy and Chemistry, men who are strong in the Association, will not see to what extent they defeat the result of their own work in the Association by helping to support a publication

that will advertise these frauds. Would William Mayo, for instance, so much as touch the dirty money that is paid for the advertising of antikamnia, phenalgin or any one of a dozen things that are advertised in the very journal containing his contribution? And if he would not, why should he help along that sort of business by contributing his article? Does he not know the antikamnia lies? Does he not realize the postum lies and the old grape nuts appendicitis advertisements—and the Collier verdict? And how about Ochsner? Does he think grape nuts, by the postum company a good thing to prevent appendicitis? Does he use "h-m-c" or prescribe our old friend "cactina pellets"? If he does *not* believe in these things, if he *does* believe in the honest work of the Council on Pharmacy and Chemistry, if he honestly and earnestly supports the American Medical Association, how, in Heaven's name, can he justify himself for aiding in the exploitation of these frauds? The proposition is a simple one. If decent men would keep their names out of bad company; if they would refuse to contribute or subscribe to any publication which advertises these rank nostrums, then both such publications and such nostrums would die.

We do not have to go so far afield to find examples of prominent men contributing articles to

## ANOTHER EXAMPLE.

journals that publish nostrum advertisements. In the *Annals of Surgery* for February we find the following choice advertisements: glycothymoline, "h-m-c," glycoheroin (smith), ergoapiol, chinosol, bovinine, sal hepatica, whirling spray and Gray's glycerine tonic; we sadly miss our old friend antikamnia, the advertisement of which used to appear in the *Annals of Surgery*. In the same issue of the same publication we find a paper by Douglass W. Montgomery, M. D., and George D. Culver, M. D., San Francisco. Dr. Montgomery has been a member of the State Society for many years; he has been a member of the A. M. A. for many years; during all of that time he has supported the work of the Society and of the Association and has expressed views in hearty support of the Council on Pharmacy and Chemistry. Why does he contribute to a journal that will advertise nostrums which Dr. Montgomery knows to be unworthy of professional consideration? *American Medicine* for January contains the advertisements, among others, of glycerine tonic, cactina pellets, seng, campho-phenique, chionia, viburnum compound, bovinine, neurosine, dioviurnia, ergoapiol, resor-bisnol, tri-iodides, maizo-lithium, antiphlogistine, pepto-mangan, dioradin, glycothymoline, postum, Pond's extract, glyco-heroin, vapo-cresolene, a-f-sal, anasarcin, phenalgin, "h-m-c," sal hepatica, oppenheimer treatment, celerina, sanmetto, varicocene, iodia and apioline. In the same issue is a contribution by Douglass W. Montgomery, M. D., San Francisco. Why should he do it? There are a whole lot of people who would not care to see their names in the same binding with that list of nostrums, etc. And he knows what they are!